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FLOOD CONTROL IN ASSAM DUE TO DIKRNOG RIVER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam has proposed any scheme to control flood in down stream of Dikrnog River due to diversion of excess water from Ranganadi basin by NEEPCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether environmental impact assessment has been done by NEEPCO in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : An estimate amounting to Rs.835.85 lakhs was submitted by the Flood Control Department, Government of Assam for raising and strengthening of embankment of both the banks of Dikrong river including anti-erosion works at different reaches to overcome the flood havoc which is a regular annual feature. On receipt of the above estimate, NEEPCO had agreed to share the financial implications to the tune of Rs.88.61 lakhs for providing safety measures commensurate with the incremental rise in water levels from Bandardewa to Sessapathar on release of maximum discharge of 160 Cumec from Hoz Power House of Ranganadi HE Project.

However, Government of Assam, Flood Control Department on 9.2.1998 informed NEEPCO that the State Flood Control Department is not in a position to take up the above works due to prevailing fund crisis. The matter was last reviewed and a proposed scheme of Rs.4777.84 lakhs has been placed by the Government of Assam before their Technical Advisory Committee in December, 2006.

(c) & (d) : NEEPCO has not done any environmental impact assessment specifically in respect of the scheme for flood control in Dikrong river due to diversion of excess water from Ranganadi basin. However, comprehensive Environmental Studies, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environment Management Plan (EMP) for the Pare Hydro Electric Project, 110 MW (formerly known as Dikrong H.E. Project) across river Dikrong located downstream of Ranganadi Hydro electric project (Stage-I), power house were carried out by NEEPCO and study reports of EIA and EMP were submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for clearance. In the EIA/EMP reports, the discharge from tail race of Ranganadi Hydro electric project, Stage-I (405 MW) power house had been duly taken into account for carrying out various studies. Based on these reports, Ministry of Environment & Forests had accorded environment clearance to the Pare Hydroelectric project (110 MW) on Dikrong river.